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PHTHALOCYANINE DYE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows, prior to calculation of the filing fee and consideration on the merits.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please correct the spelling error on page 1, paragraph 3 as below.

One attempt to solve this problem has been disclosed in US Patent 4,111,650, whereby C.I. Basic Blue 100 is formulated as a stable concentrated solution by employing N-methyl pyrrolidone together with benzyl alcohol and a lower aliphatic carboxylic acid. However, the use of N-methyl pyrrolidone may be considered as disadvantageous ~~form~~ from the ecological and toxicological viewpoints, since such dipolar aprotic solvents readily penetrate through the skin.